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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADVERTISING UPDATE MESSAGES TO PEERS AND PEER GROUPS IN A BORDER GATEWAY PROTOCOL PROCESS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	10/616,555	NALAWADE, GARGI	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	GERALD SMARTH	2446	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 02/25/09.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10,12-20,22,32-32-41,43-47,49-51,63-78(Renumbered to be claims 1-54).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Gerald Smarth/
Examiner, Art Unit 2446

/Jeffrey Pwu/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2446

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview and email with Chris Palermo on 3/22/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Specification: Paragraphs 26, 28, 32, and 39 are amended as set forth below:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

2. The amended specification will replace all prior versions of specification in the application.

[0026] FIG. 1 is a block diagram that illustrates a plurality of update messages 100, which include update messages 150, 155, 160. . . 185. In BGP network convergence, update messages 100 are generated, formatted and “advertised” (i.e., transmitted) to peer groups. An update message contains information regarding a network route, such as path attributes and network layer reachability information. The information is used by members of peer groups to facilitate efficient routing of packets in the network.

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[0028] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of system 200 which includes first plurality of update messages 250 associated with first peer entity 220, and second plurality of formatted update messages 260 associated with second peer group entity. As described above, a filtering mechanism determines the particular one of plural peer entities 210 to which each particular update message 105 is to be sent. In the example depicted in FIG. 2, update messages 155, 160, 175, 180 and 185 are associated with peer entity 220, and update messages 150, 165 and 170 are associated with second peer entity 230.

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[0032] FIG. 4 is a block diagram that illustrates a system 400 having formatted update messages 255-285 stored in first cache 370, which is associated with first peer entity 220. As shown in FIG. 4, each message that is intended for first peer entity 220 will be formatted and stored in first cache 370. In an embodiment, before any messages intended for second peer entity 230 are formatted, all update 255-285 that are intended for peer entity 220 will be formatted and stored in cache 370. In an embodiment, if a limit on a quantity of update messages to be formatted is reached, a number of formatted update messages will be enqueued to a queue associated with peer entity 220, thus freeing up space in cache 370 to store more formatted update messages. Or, in an embodiment, the formatting of update messages intended for the first peer entity 220 will be suspended, and BGP will format update messages intended for another peer entity 230. The formatting of update messages for first peer entity 220 may later be resumed.

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[0039] FIG. 7 is a flow chart that illustrates method 700 of advertising update messages to a plurality of peer entities. In step 705, a plurality of update messages intended to be advertised to one or more peer entities is received. Step 705 includes advertising all required update messages to a first peer entity. All update messages that are intended for a first peer entity are advertised to the first peer entity before any update messages are advertised to a second peer entity.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not explain, nor suggests a method for advertising update message to peer groups in a border gateway protocol with the method of formatting updated messages by use of this particular queuing algorithm. Not all updates are sent to all peers. A routing map determines which peer groups will receive a particular updates. Prior to updates being sent they are all formatted for the particular peer entity so they will be able to receive these updates. There is a cache associated with every peer entity. Before any messages for a second peer are formatted, all update messages are stored in a designated cache. If a limit on a quantity of updated messages to be formatted has been reached, a number of formatted update messages will be enqueued to a queue associated with the particular peer. This will allow for up space in the cache. Updating messages for a first peer may be suspended and will format update messages intended for a second peer. The formatting of updated messages for the first peer will be continued at a later time. When a limit of formatted updated messages to the queue is met, the formatted updated messages from queue may be advertised to a designated peer, in the process freeing up queue space. If a limit is reached of formatted messages to a queue, then the intended enqueueing for that particular peer is suspended and will enqueue for another peer entity. The system is programmed to advertise formatted messages for the second peer after all the first peer messages has been advertised to the first peer or if the formatted updated messages for the first peer entity is below the programmed maximum quantity for formatted messages for the first peer

entity are below programmed maximum quantity of enqueued messages. The ability to separate between formatting and enqueueing allows for all formatting to take place before replication and enqueueing takes place.

A checkpointing method is used to have a point of reference during the use of the tables. In checkpointing a point of reference in the table is maintained. All peer entities may be updated up to the checkpoint version of the table.

3. The closest art of record are Chen et al., Pouyoul et al., and Wong et al.

Chen, Pouyoul, nor Wong explain the method of separation between formatting and enqueueing before replication and advertising utilizing BGP to other peers as explained above.

4. For these reasons, in conjunction with all other limitations in this particular claim, puts this case in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GERALD SMARTH whose telephone number is

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(571)270-1923. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday(7:30am-5:00pm)est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff Pwu can be reached on (571)272-6798. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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